

BORDER BELT TOBACCO RESEARCH STATION

STATION INFORMATION

Location

City: Whiteville
County: Columbus

Station Statistics

Staff: 5

Management Units: Field Crops

Research Program

Project Leaders (#) : 8
Ongoing Projects (#): 27
Focus: Soybeans, Peanuts, Cotton, Corn, Tobacco

Acres:

Station Total	101.44 ac
Field Crops	27.55 ac
Rotational	30.55 ac
Ponds	0.90 ac
Woodlands	6.00 ac
Infrastructure	36.44 ac
# Buildings	10

Station Highlights:

- Established in 1949 in Columbus County, moved to Whiteville location in 1956
- Most of the flue-cured tobacco varieties released to the public tested here for yield and quality.
- Protein extraction from tobacco was conducted at this location.
- Only location in the state with above threshold levels of Brown Spot and Wireworm
- Identification of the optimum planting date for peanuts was established for the southeastern region resulting in a longer growing season.

Station Improvements:

- Two greenhouses used for hydroponics studies
- Burley tobacco curing shed